

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal ~~for connection~~ connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys;

a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;

a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;

~~an~~ a first assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface; ~~and~~

a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key;

wherein said execution device causes the operated key to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated key when a predetermined condition is satisfied.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal ~~for connection~~ connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;
- a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
- a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- ~~an~~ a first assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface; ~~and~~
- a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical value respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key;
- wherein said execution device causes the operated type of key to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key when a predetermined condition is satisfied.

Claims 6-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

a ~~dedicated~~ first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer,
having a control section;

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection
with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having
a plurality of keys;

a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument;

~~an~~ a first assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected via said connection
terminal and said connection interface; ~~and~~

a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values
respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument;
and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said computer
keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key;

wherein said execution device causes the operated key to input a character, a symbol, or a
numerical value assigned to the operated key when a predetermined condition is satisfied.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:
a ~~dedicated~~ first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer
having a control section;
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection
with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having
a plurality of types of keys;
a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard
directly to said electronic musical instrument;
~~an~~ a first assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said
operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected via said
connection terminal and said connection interface; ~~and~~
a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values
respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic musical
instrument; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said
computer keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key; and
wherein said execution device causes the operated type of key to input a character, a symbol,
or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key when a predetermined condition is
satisfied.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys;
- a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
- a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface;
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key; and
- a macro buffer that stores an operation sequence comprising a plurality of operations assigned to at least one of the keys of said keyboard.

Claim 14 (new): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;
- a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
- a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface;
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key; and
- a macro buffer that stores an operation sequence comprising a plurality of operations assigned to at least one of the types of keys of said keyboard.

Claim 15 (new): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- a first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer, having a control section;
- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having a plurality of keys;
- a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the keys of said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface;
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said computer keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key; and
- a macro buffer that stores an operation sequence comprising a plurality of operations assigned to at least one of the keys of said keyboard.

Claim 16 (new): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

a first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer, having a control section;

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;

a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;

an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface;

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of said computer keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key; and

a macro buffer that stores an operation sequence comprising a plurality of operations assigned to at least one of the types of keys of said keyboard.